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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9513
INFO COMNAVBASE GTMO BAY CUBA
CINCLANTFLT NORVA
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SUBJ: REPATRIATION OF HAITIAN REFUGEE FROM GUANTANAMO

REF: A. COMNAVBASE 182144Z AUG 78, B. COMNAVBASE 311918Z AUG 78, C. PORT AU PRINCE 3673, C. PORT AU PRINCE 3574

1. ORIOL HILAIRE, THE LAST OF THE NINE HAITIAN NATIONALS
NAMED REF A, RETURNED TO PORT AU PRINCE APPROXIMATELY 0630
LOCAL SEPTEMBER 6 ABOARD GUANTANAMO STATION AIRCRAFT. HE
WAS INTERVIEWED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ADVISED HIM TO CONTACT
THE EMBASSY IF HE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTUES WITH LOCAL
AUTHORITIES CONCERNING HIS ILLEGAL DEPARTURE. HILAIRE, WHO
HAD BEEN WOUNDED BY CUBAN SMALL ARMS FIRE, EXPRESSED TO
EMBASSY OFFICERS HISGRATEFULNESS FOR THE MEDICAL CARE HE
RECEIVED FROM THE BASE HOSPITAL.

2. HILAIRE WAS COURTEOUSLY PROCESSED BY HAITIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS, AND WAS THEN DRIVEN TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE RED CROSS IN PORT AU PRINCE BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR OF THE RED CROSS WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE USNH MEDICAL REPORT ON HILAIRE, AND HE STATED THAT THE RED CROSS WOULD RETURN HILAIRE TO HIS HOME IN LEOGANE AFTER ROUTINE PROCESSING.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO THANK COMNAVBASE GUANTANAMO BAY FOR THE EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE GIVEN TO HILAIRE AND FOR ITS EXPEDITIOUS ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING THE NINE HAITIANS WHO ARRIVED IN

GUANTANAMO ABOARD HILAIRE'S BOAT. JONES

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